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DISTRICT CROPPINGS

And Other Items of Interest in a General Way

Thos. A. Watt is hauling lumber from Wilmer to his ranch for building purposes.

Arthur Tagert is hauling lumber from Wilmer to erect a new residence on his ranch south of Windermere.

Chas. H. Parson, Customs officer at Golden, arrived on the Ptarmigan Friday and will remain in Wilmer until Sunday.

It is stated that Mr. Hamilton, representing the Columbia River Lumber Co., is staking out a number of timber limits up Toby creek.

Last Thursday Messrs. C. Cameron, C. Pitts and W. Tagert were successful in catching respectively 100, 80 and 17 mountain trout in a lake east of Windermere.

M. Craik visited Wilmer on Saturday for the first time in over six months. He is the only one left in Canterbury "now that he loves the 'Beauty Spot o Nature" that he can scarce leave it for a day.

On Tuesday the steamer Ptarmigan made a special trip up from Golden bringing up some freight and Dominion Engineer Keefer, who is inspecting the work done on Columbia river, and other passengers.

The officers and members of Columbia Lodge, No. 38, A.F. & A.M., G.R.B.C., will attend divine service in St. Peter's church at Windermere Sunday morning July 3rd., when Rev. Bro. E. St. G. Smith will conduct a special service.

Mrs. J. Bulman returned to her home in Windermere by the steamer Ptarmigan on Friday, after an absence of nine months in England, where she went to visit relatives. Mrs. Bulman's numerous friends are glad to see her back and enjoying good health.

The Outcrop is informed on good authority that a company will install and operate another large sawmill at some point on the Columbia river, the exact location being as yet undecided. For certain reasons the name of the new company has been withheld, but in due time will be given out.

L. C. Nelson, wife and family arrived on the steamer Ptarmigan on Friday from Calgary, Alberta. Mr. Nelson has purchased the Big House ranch near Windermere and is preparing to make many improvements. It is stated that the price realized for the ranch was in the neighborhood of $5,000. It is understood that Mr. Nelson is a practical rancher with a great deal of experience, and having recently sold his ranch on Fish creek, near Calgary, for a good figure, is desirous of making his home in a more congenial climate.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Starbird gave a very enjoyable party to about twenty guests at Bourne on Tuesday evening. The members of the party left Wilmer about 6 o'clock in the evening and on their arrival at Bourne made quite a long procession of vehicles. A most pleasant time was spent in dancing and a splendid luncheon heartily partaken of. The party continued until daylight when the guests started for town, with many expressions of the generous hospitality shown them by Mr. and Mrs. Starbird and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis.

Born—On Tuesday, June 21, at Windermere, the wife of Mr. Fred. Kimpton, a son.

The regular annual meeting to elect trustees for the Public Schools takes place at 11 a.m. next Saturday.

At the request of a number of citizens E. J. Scovil started out on Monday to secure members for a Wilmer Rifle Association and now has over 60 names on the roll and this will likely be increased to at least 80. A meeting has been called for tonight (Thursday) to elect officers, committees, etc. A full attendance is requested.

A Big Orchard

The Outcrop reporter spent last Friday afternoon on Mr. R. A. Kimpton's fruit ranch close to Windermere and the only regret the reporter now has is that his meagre knowledge of fruit-raising handicaps him in writing of the things he saw. The sites chosen by Mr. Kimpton for his orchards are ideal, being in a small valley completely shut in by good-sized hills, which prevents the wind from doing any damage. Along the hill on the southeast side an irrigation ditch supplies a good volume of water and at the northeast end the valley is quite narrow, here it is the intention to build a flume across so that another ditch may be run along the northwest side, thus both sides hills, as well as the valley, can be cultivated and irrigated.

Entering from the south end of the valley, accompanied by Mr. Kimpton, a beheld a grand sight. In front of us we saw over 750 fruit trees nearly all of them in full leaf and of those examined, that were not in leaf, every one had life. On closer examination some of the trees were found to be bearing fruit, some of the apples being much larger than a marble and the cherries were also a good size. The oldest of all these were planted only two years and Mr. Kimpton stated that out of the 750 he had only replaced about 30. On one or two trees it was noticed that in places the bark was dry and rubbed off very easily with the hand, and the reason and remedy for this is being sought for. It may be well to mention that between the long rows of trees vegetables have been planted, thus while the orchard ground is being thoroughly cultivated an immediate benefit is also obtain.

Further down the little valley and higher up the slope of the hill eastward is another orchard containing about 800 trees, but quite a number of these were planted close together in long trenches for the reason that in shipping the trees here the delay on the way had injured them and it was thought useless to take the trouble of setting them out properly. However, these trees were nearly all alive and will in due time be setout. Here also the trees setout showed a healthy growth and the green leaves made very pretty scene.

Mr. Kimpton is not confining himself to trees by any means, but has a large variety of shrubs now bearing fruit, his healthy-looking raspberry and gooseberry plants meriting special mention. The strawberries, too, are large and delicious, and are now just beginning to ripen.

It will well repay the reader to visit these two orchards, more especially those who have some knowledge of fruit-raising. The ultimate success of this attempt means everything for the future of this valley as a fruit country, as it is the first effort on a large scale, and at the present time it looks most encouraging, to say the least. Indeed, it is very doubtful if a more healthy orchard of two years can be found anywhere.

The successes already made by Mr. S. Brewer at Fairmont and Mr. J. L. McKay at Sinclair and by others is even now considered sufficient to warrant the belief that this is an A1 fruit country, but these are all on a comparatively small scale.

EVIDENTLY ONESIDED

A Letter That May Harm our Lumber Industry

The following letter appeared in the Toronto Globe of June 11th:

To the Editor of The Globe: There has been a good deal said lately about the lumber combine in the west, and British Columbia lumbermen are saying quite as much, if not more, about American lumber coming into Canada. These same British Columbia lumbermen have formed a "Mountain Lumber Manufacturers' Association," and people residing in a town where any member of this association operates a mill must buy nowhere else but from that mill, and take what the manufacturer has a mind to give them, whether it is good, bad or indifferent, boards charged as ten inches only measuring 9, 9¼ or 9½ in width, sometimes running to a feather edge at one end in thickness. Shiplap common only has "at least" one lap, flooring about 10 per cent., without either a tongue or groove part of the length, and bark edges on quite a lot, with an occasional knothole. Competition is completely shut out of towns blessed (?) with a lumber mill.

In September, 1903, the owner of the sash and door factory in Golden wrote to the Harbor Lumber Company of Revelstoke, B.C. (80 miles away), for clear cedar, which the Columbia River Lumber Co. mill in Golden does not manufacture. The reply reads as follows:

"Mr. W. L. Houston, Golden, B.C.:

"Dear Sir,—Your favor of Sept. 5th, addressed to Fred Robinson Lumber Co., has been received. We regret very much we are unable to ship you the clear cedar, as ordered. We do not sell to anyone but dealers, and then only in carload lots. Yours truly, Harbor Lumber Co., Limited. J. R. McCreery, Secretary-Treasurer."

Note the fact that those living in Revelstoke can buy 100 feet of clear cedar from the Harbor Lumber Co. if they want it. In 1901 the Golden and East Kootenay Trading Co. commenced building their new store, a 2 story building, with close on 240,000 feet of lumber in it, the Columbia River Lumber Co. supplying the lumber for the building. When the manager of the Trading Co. (Mr. A. Hume) suggested getting cedar from the coast for finishing the interior of the building the Secretary-Treasurer of the Columbia River Lumber Co. informed him "that unless he got all his lumber through the Columbia River Lumber Co. they would not sell him a board."

Prices Lumber Co. here are about as follows:—$14 to $16 per thousand feet for common lumber, $18 shiplap, $20 to $40 flooring. At that date we were not aware that a Victoria firm could and would supply lumber at a price and of a quality the Columbia River Company could not touch.

On May 4th, 1904, the new building was burned to the ground. In the interests of the Trading Company I wrote to the Okanagan Lumber Co. at Enderby, B.C., for prices of all kinds of lumber, stating that from 200,000 to 300,000 feet would be required, and asking for cash prices delivered here. As the Okanagan is a new mill, fitted with new band saws and latest improved machinery, just getting down to work when I passed through there at Easter, I thought lumber could be supplied at shorter notice and lower freight rate than from the coast. I received a reply that a price list would be forwarded in a few days, or as soon as the C.P.R. gave them a freight rate. After waiting two weeks for this list I wrote again, and received the following reply:—

"Enderby, May 25th, 1904.

"W. J. Gould, Golden, B.C.: Dear Sir,—Owing to the Mountain Lumber Manufacturers' Association it will be impossible for us to supply you with lumber of any description. We are very sorry we had not this information when we last wrote you. Trusting that you will be able to procure lumber elsewhere we are, yours truly,

"Okanagan Lumber Co., Limited."

Some of the members of the Dominion Government have denied the fact that there is a combine in British Columbia. They do not have to go far for proof that there is an association in British Columbia that is conducting business on combine principles. Aulay Morrison, M.P. for New Westminster, B.C., stated in advocating protection for British Columbia lumber mills that there was no combine. It is to be hoped that the same ignorance of the facts is the excuse of the other Liberal members advocating in the House a policy directly opposed to the platform on which they secured their election.

Last year the Dominion Government expended $3,000 on improvements in the Columbia, so the Columbia River Lumber Co. could use a back channel to drive log to Beaver. Settlers did not even get a chance to tender for the piles required for these improvements, which are for the exclusive benefit of the lumber company. This year the Government is doing the same thing over again on a larger scale; $5,500 has been allowed for improvements on the Columbia river between Golden and Beaver, and $5,000 at Salmon Arm, for the sole benefit of the Columbia River Lumber Company.

Is there any reason why this or any other private company should be so favored by the Government, when public improvements are so much required? Part of our main road is annually flooded for weeks up to the fences of the Provincial Government building, by back water from the Columbia river.

That the Government has in the past given both money and land to private companies, and has pretended to investigate the lumber combine proposition in the west, is no reason why it should act on a disinterested (?) suggestion of an almost entirely Conservative gang, called the "Golden Board of Trade," whose domineering President is the Secretary-Treasurer of the Columbia River Lumber Co., or make a pretence of investigating any scheme which affects the interests of the public. W. J. Gould.

Golden, B.C., June 2.

Under the heading, 'An Alleged Lumber Combine" the Globe comments editorialy on the above as follows:

"We take the liberty of directing attention to Mr. W. J. Gould's letter in this issue, giving some reasons for suspecting the existence of an illegitimate organization to hold up the consumers of lumber in British Columbia. Mr. Gould's statement is, of course, ex parte, but it is explicit, and it is made in a form that cannot well be ignored either by the Dominion Government or by the "Mountain Lumber Manufacturers' Association." Now, when the whole subject of the lumber supply for the country west of Winnipeg is under discussion, is a good time to ascertain the real facts of the situation.

The matter has been complicated in two ways. The Government has been spending public funds to improve the Columbia river for the transportation of logs, and, if Mr. Gould is right, this is very like making the "Columbia River Lumber Company" a present of the money. A demand has been put forward for a duty on lumber to protect the British Columbia mill-owners. If Mr. Gould is right in his statements, then the members of the so called "combine" will find it difficult to induce Parliament to protect them against foreign competition."

The foregoing letter is a very strong one and well written, and The Outcrop at the present writing is unable to either endorse all it contains or dispute all its charges. As the Globe says Mr. Gould's statement is "ex parte," and that fact makes what the other side has to say the more interesting, yet so far no reply is forthcoming.

From the letter it is reasonable to say Mr. Gould is a Liberal and is not a member of the Golden Board of Trade. Then why did he not complain to the Liberals a year ago and why is he not a member of the Board of Trade as is his privilege?

As to there being a combine that is for the Association to answer. The letters produced go to show that there is no such intention, else there companies would not give out such statements; still there is evidently an agreement of some kind that such company will not compete in a town where another company has a mill. But Mr. Gould spoils his strong point when he admits that a Victoria mill can and will compete with the Golden mill.

The charge that the Government are clearing the Columbia river for the sole benefit of the Columbia River Lumber Co. will be met with the statement that the Dominion Government own all navigable waters and therefore should keep it open; besides the river was once used for navigation below Golden. Then it will be argued that a great number of people are staking out timber limits at this point. To further meet the argument it may be said that last year the Government spent $3,000 on the river below Golden and that last year the Columbia River Lumber Co. paid the Dominion Government something like $17,000—that is a good investment? and the company will continue for many years to pay such sums to the Government, employ hundreds of men and help build up towns.

In the last paragraph it is shown very plainly that the writer holds personal animosity and desires to vent it.

RIFFLE SHOOT

Gents' Practice.

Following are the scores made on Saturday by the men at practice on the Windermere range:

	200	500	600	Total
Capt. Armstrong	27	6	18	57
E. N. Russell	26	17	29	72
J. C. Pitts	23	20	12	55
B. Hewetson	24	14	16	58
R. A. Kimpton	23	21	11	55
Rev. Fraser	24	14	13	51
Jno. Bulman	31	30	20	81
F. Nickelsen	26	16	19	61
Jno. Tegart	24	29	15	68
J. D. Frazer	23	5	7	35

Windermere District Ladies Rifle Association.

Below are the scores made by Windermere Ladies Rifle Association, at their meeting on Wednesday, June 15; conditions 10 rounds at 200 yards, highest possible, 50 points:

Mrs. Troyer	0023000222	11
Mrs. J. Taynton	0000000022	4
Mrs. W. Taynton	2043022020	16
Mrs. Stoddart	0023002230	7
Mrs. R. A. Kimpton	2303041422	18
Miss Batty	2003202200	8
Mrs. Dann	0000000022	2
Mrs. Smyth	2002040000	17
Miss Mathieson	2202014200	16
Mrs. Pitts	2220222221	20
Mrs. Tegart	0000002022	6
Mrs. Washburn		—

Rev. Fraser will conduct services every Sunday in Windermere at 11 a. m. Athalmer at 3 p.m. and Wilmer at 8 p.m., excepting the first Sunday in each month, when he holds services at Galena.

GOLDEN NUGGETS

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Golden, B.C., June 18.—

Mrs. J. Bulman returned from an extended trip to England on Thursday last and left on Friday for her home in Windermere.

F. W. Jones left on Tuesday for Calgary to attend the Board of Trade convention held in that city on the 16th and 17th instants, being appointed by the Golden Board as a delegate.

Sunday last being the I.O.O.F. Decoration Day the members of the local lodge marched from their hall to the cemetery, where they decorated the graves of former members of the fraternity.

Rev. McNeil arrived in town on Wednesday last and will be stationed at Golden for some time. Rev. Mr. Purdy leaves for the east shortly.

J. W. Thickens and R. McMurdo left on Thursday for St. Paul and other eastern cities and will return in a few weeks.

F. Larmour and A. Macdonald of Field were in town on Wednesday.

C. A. Warren returned from a two weeks' trip to West Kootenay on Monday last.

J. G. Parson paid a flying visit to Banff this week.

On Monday, while working in W. C. Wells mill at Palliser, a man named C. F. Bloom was struck by a board from the edger in the mill. He was brought to the Golden Hospital, but died on Tuesday morning. The funeral took place on Thursday.

H. C. Smith, who has been with the Golden Star since the office opened, left on Sunday for Calgary. Mr. Smith made many friends while in Golden, who were sorry to see him leave.

J. McCurdy, the well-known trapper arrived from the Tete Jaune Cache this week, having been absent about eight months.

Mrs. Geo. Parson and her daughter, Mrs. Menze, of Vancouver are in town the guests of H. G. Parson, and intend spending the summer here.

Mrs. A. G. M. Spragge and Miss Spragge of Toronto are expected to arrive in town in about two weeks.

The Athletic Association have decided to hold their Annual Sports on August 15th and 16th.

On Monday evening Mr. and Mrs. C. Trover entertained a large number of their friends at their residence, Kinghaugh House, Windermere, the occasion being the anniversary of their tin wedding. The grounds around the pretty villa had been beautifully decorated, as well as the lawn, upon which the guests enjoyed themselves with games, songs and dancing and later at an excellent luncheon that was greatly appreciated, the "tipsy cake" coming in for special attention. If the friendship and esteem of the guests for the host and hostess may be judged by the number of gifts presented, then Mr. and Mrs. Troyer may well feel flattered. Upward there was to no end and of every shape and description. Every person present thoroughly enjoyed themselves and joined in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Troyer a long, happy and prosperous life.

R. R. Bruce was the first of the season to leave a sample of strawberries at The Outcrop Palace.

Chas. Cartwright left Athalmer on Monday to drive to Golden.

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WILMER, B.C., THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 1904.

Never doubt it. The Windermere will be the best camp in the Kootenays.

Now is the time to hit the weed with the hoe. If you don't you may have to use the axe and dynamite later.

Now we have it. A surgical operation in Indianapolis made normal the brain of a boy born with criminal instincts. Let us operate on some of our politicians before another election takes place.

It is thought by some that another election is perilously near in this fair Dominion, and our small politicians are becoming like Toby creek at flood time, getting muddy at the mouth.

Commenting on the lead bounty the Slocan Drill very sagely remarks: "One cannot help but think that had the government taken the $2,500,000 of bounty money and built and operated a smelter and refinery, the country would have been the gainer."

"Even should the ranchers on the prairie have to pay a little more for their lumber because B.C. lumbermen get a duty placed on their product, the ranchers should remember where their market for cattle, butter, eggs, vegetables, oats, etc., is located," remarked a business man of Windermere the other day.

The Liberal-Conservative party, as announced by leader Borden, will make government ownership of railways an issue in the next general election. It is an issue the party can fight for, for it is one that dirrctly affects a majority of the people of Canada, and it is one that must be adopted by Canada sooner or later. No doubt, mistakes have been and are being made in the operation of railways by governments; but many of these mistakes can be avoided. Why should the people of Canada, at every election, be it Provincial or Dominion, ask which party is this or that railway helping? Governments in Canada have been and are mere creatures of railway corporations, and the mistakes of government ownership and operation of railways will be no worse on the people than are the ills resulting from corporation ownership and operation.—The Nelson Tribune.

"Say, you! You're talkin' like a damp soda cracker! Don't you pipe off anything at lectures? What's the matter with your thinktank? These dopy doings make me tired!"

This is the language Prof. G. O. Curme of the chair of German philogy in the Chicago Northwestern University will use hereafter in upbraiding a backward student. That is, he will use just such phraseology if he is consistent. For Prof. Curme says that slang is virile—that it builds up and strengthens the English language.

"Slang is the language of the people and it always will be," he says. He made the discovery in compiling a new German grammar. He has fallen in love with the effervescent language of the newsboy and longshoreman. Their language, he declares, often is more to the point and better adapted to convey the thought intended by the speaker than is more polished or more grammatical expression. He told about it in a lecture recently:

"It is coming to fill a logical want. It is useless to fight it. It is wise to study the development, and to discover wherein it will modify the literary tongue, and more virile. Fads and modes of speech pass. The good crystallizes and remains in the great body of our speech. Slang has always been and always will be. If I have discovered anything in my researches it is that there is not one language, but many. Not only this, but there are as many grammars as there are individuals or classes speaking a particular sort of English, French or German. It is these various ways of expression that I have studied, and the more one investigates the more indulgent he becomes towards popular speech. Let children use the language of the play ground. It is theirs as much as the language of the professor is his. Let us observe and aid instead of trying to crush out the natural changes which our tongue must pass through before it becomes a perfected medium of speech."

A visit to Mr. R. A. Kimton's fruit ranch just now is the best possible tonic any pissimist can take. It will effect a complete cure with the first dose. He will feast his eyes on more than 1,000 healthy fruit trees and if he finds one dead tree he will have discovered more than the editor of this paper. If there is a more healthy-looking young orchard to be found anywhere we have not heard of it, and the success of this orchard will eventually be the very best thing for this district that can be thought of. It should, however, be remembered that every fruit country has had reverses and it has been only by persistence and careful study that fruit has been grown even in such countries as Ontario and Quebec.

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CELESTIAL REFRESHMENTS

Funny Little Restaurants in the Chinese Empire.

Places of rest and refreshment are commonly to be found in China at the halting stations on the highways in the interior or at the villages on the banks of the great rivers of China. They frequently take the form of a small mud hut, having a dark interior filled with smoke, tea tables, forms and an oven, where a cook is kept busy baking tea bread and frying puddings for the entertainment of the customers, whose favorite beverage is tea, although when times are good and the weather cold they indulge in something stronger, which often inebriates and that at a very cheap rate. In the darkest corner there are a row of glazed earthenware jars containing a kind of Chinese whisky, of which a thirsty carter may have a skin full for something considerably under a penny, when he will go quietly to sleep on the shaft of his cart, and his pony or mule, being used to it, will take him home.

In addition to these conveniences there is an ingenious little furnace in front, having a long flue, through which the flame is driven by an air pump, and a row of hot water kettles, gradually increasing in size to suit the heat of the tongue of flame that passes up the flue beneath, so that they may all be kept boiling. The hot water is sold to passersby, who usually carry with them their teapot and tea, so that they may have a cup at every station. This custom of carrying one's own tea is so common that it is difficult to procure a cup of tea in any of the restaurants, as they do not keep it and do not care to go out of their way to buy it for you. Although the plant may be growing all round and at one's very feet, it is next to impossible to get a cup that a foreigner would consider worth drinking and as to using milk and sugar, the Chinese look upon the practice as a barbarous device of the "foreign devil."

ANIMAL ODDITIES.

The fiercest of all animals is the black panther.

The lion is the only wild animal that is capable of affection.

Statistics show that serpents kill more persons in India than in any other country.

Most reptiles are notoriously deaf, except caymans and crocodiles. The boa seems absolutely so.

The sense of smell in the snail has been found to be limited, as a rule, to a distance of about an inch.

The West Indian crab is a remarkable creature. Although born in the sea, it matures in fresh water and passes its adult life on land.

Shepherds allow their collies one meal a day, and on this allowance health and efficiency are secured. Ladies who are "good" to their pet dogs are rewarded by seeing their pets sinking rapidly into decrepitude.

A One Sided Celebration.

Uncle Eph'm had put on a clean collar and his best coat and was walking majestically up and down the street.

"Aren't you working today, uncle?" asked one of his Caucasian acquaintances.

"No, suh. I's celebratin' my golden weddin', suh."

"You were married fifty years ago today?"

"Yes, suh."

"Well, why isn't your wife helping you to celebrate it?"

"My present wife, suh," replied Uncle Eph'm, with dignity, "ain't got nothin' to do with it. She's de 'leventh."

She Helped Him Out.

He was quoting Tennyson's "Ring, happy bells, across the snow."

"What's that line, Molly," he asked, "about 'Ring in the new?' I've forgotten it."

"So have I," she replied, "but how will this do:

"This dress I wear
Will never do;
Ring out the old,
Ring in the new!"

Clubs Where Members Talk Much.

Clubs where the members talk much are generally to be avoided. Talk makes mischief. There are one or two rather well known literary and professional clubs in London, where members are freely introduced and personal gossip the fashion, which have been pronounced too dangerous to be used by some of those who, for old association's sake, still keep their names upon the books.

Her Emergency Fund.

"I put $10 in the bank today, George."

"You'll have a tidy little sum there if you keep on. Going to buy something nice with it?"

"Mercy, no! That's my divorce surplus in case I need it."

Mary's Choice.

"Farmer Sawyer, what is your daughter Mary going to be when she finishes at college?" she asked.

"Waal, I kinder reckon she'll teach school. She thinks she'd like the vacations."

The Delicate Method.

"Let us talk of something we don't know anything about," he suggested.

"Such as what?" she asked.

"Marriage," he replied, after which they went into executive session.

Discontent is the want of self reliance. It is infirmity of will.—Emerson.

Raising Slaves For Market.

"No slaves, no slaves," says the Atlas Moor impatiently, "and in the town they are slow to raise them." I want an explanation of this strange complaint.

"What do you mean when you say they are slow to raise them?" I ask.

"In Marrakesh, now," he explains, "dealers buy the healthiest slaves they can find and raise as many children as is possible. Then so soon as the children are old enough to sell they are sold, and when the mothers grow old and have no more children they, too, are sold, but they do not fetch much then."

The infamy underlying this statement takes all words from me, but my informant sees nothing startling in the case and continues gravely:

"From six years old they are sold to be companions, and from twelve they go to the harems. Prices are good, too high indeed; $54 I must have paid this afternoon to purchase one, and when Mulai Mohammed reigned the price would have been $20, perhaps less, and for that one would have bought fat slaves. Where there is one caravan now there were ten of old times."—From "The Slave Market at Marrakesh," in Harper's.

Mary Magdalene's Grave.

Fifteen thousand pilgrims annually visit St. Baume, in Provence, not far from Marseilles, where Mary Magdalene is said to have spent the last thirty years of her life.

The legend, according to the Nouvelle Revue, runs that Mary Magdalene came from Judaea in a small boat with Lazarus, Martha, the two Marys and Salome, bringing with them the body of St. Anne, the head of St. James the Less and a few wee bones of the innocents massacred by King Herod. But from early ages this story has been disputed, and the Abbe Duchesne, one of the most erudite writers on the early Christian saints and martyrs, considers that the relics of Mary Magdelene were probably sent from Constantinople about the seventh century. A Greek breviary, however, speaks of the saint as having died at Ephesus.

Nature's Sweet Refrain.

A former assistant secretary of the interior who lives in Washington bears the same name as a poet who hails from Pennsylvania. The ex-official received a letter which he considers a remarkable epistle. The writer confounded him with the poet and wrote:

Dear friend and statesman: I rite you the earliest duit to be so kind as to do me a favor. I haf trid all kinds of paten medsin for hart dewease an no avail. I read your little pome on Hart deces beginin

"The hart which and tumultus beets,
with throbs of keenest pain
will oft recover its defects
Thro nature sweat refrane."

I haf never trid an injun doc but haf took all kinds of erbs. I now ask you to send me by return male 2 bottles of your medsin natura sweat refrane. Send to —
— Postoffice, Pa.
P. S.—I will sen prise by return male.

Silent Great Men.

The list of silent great men is a long one. Especially is this true of noted warriors. Wallenstein, Wellington, Von Moltke, Grant, Marlborough, Charlemagne, Hannibal, Cæsar, all gave their orders in as few words as possible and demanded like brevity from their subordinates. It is said that Marlborough never allowed more than a minute for a verbal report, and it is told of Von Moltke that when an aid-de-camp brought a written message that France had declared war the great general simply ordered it filed in the "second pigeonhole on the right, first tier." In that pigeonhole were complete plans for the successful campaign that followed.

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Illusions of the Theater.

It is a moot point whether women should be taken to the theater at all at a young and impressionable age, seeing in what a totally unreal light the modern young man is presented by the average dramatist. Behind the footlights the handsome, clean shaven fellow has principles as unimpeachable as his dress clothes, a soul as speckless as his dazzling waistcoat.—London Ladies' Field.

Somewhat Confusing.

"So that heiress married a titled foreigner?"

"Yes," answered Miss Cayenne.

"How do they get on?"

"It's a little confusing as yet. Whenever she wants to know who the distinguished members of her family are she has to ask him, and whenever he wants to know how much he is worth he has to ask her."

Business.

"How shall I prove the sincerity of my devotion?" asked the young man who had been so long coming to the point that doubt had begun to accumulate against him.

"Call the parson in as a witness," suggested the young lady, who meant business.

End of Their Engagement.

Gee—It was rather abrupt the way Tom broke his engagement with Miss Easy. Whiz—How did he do it? Gee—He simply took her hand in his and, clasping the diamond, said, "Ring off."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

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TRAFFIC IN SLAVES.

The Way Sales Are Conducted In the Marrakesh Market.

In his article on "The Slave Market at Marrakesh" in Harper's Magazine S. L. Bensusan gives a vivid picture of this terrible traffic, which goes on approved by the Moroccan government. He describes the beginning of the sale as follows:

"The crowd at the entrance parts to the right and left to admit twelve grave men wearing white turbans and jellabias. They are the delals, or auctioneers, and the sale is about to begin.

"Slowly and impressively the delals advance in a line to the center of the slave market, almost up to the arcade where the wealthy buyers sit expectant. Then the head auctioneer lifts up his voice, and—oh, hideous mockery of it all!—he prays.

"Now each delal has his people sorted out, and the procession begins. Followed by his bargains, he marches round and round the market, and I understand why the dust was laid before the procession commenced. Some of the slaves are absolutely free from emotion of any sort. They move round as stolidly as the blindfolded horses that work the water wheels in gardens beyond the town. Others feel their position.

"'Twenty-one dollars—twenty-one!' cries the delal at whose heels the one young and pretty woman who has not found a buyer limps painfully. She is from the western Sudan, and her big eyes have the terror stricken look that reminds me of a hare that was run down by the hounds a few yards from me on the marshes near my country home last winter.

"'Why is the price so low?' I ask.

"'She is sick,' says the Moor coolly. 'She cannot work. Perhaps she will not live. Who will give more in such a case?'"

THE BROKEN VIOLIN.

An Incident of the Childhood of the Master Ole Bull.

Ole Bull, the great violinist, was born with a genius for music. To him the swaying of bluebells, the wind and rain and waterfalls, the music of birds and bees—all these were the voices of nature, and he tried to reproduce them on his violin.

It is said that the musician's first violin was given him by an uncle when he was but four years old, and his delight at the present knew no bounds.

"My father wanted me to be a minister," said he in telling the story many years after, "and I thought I must do as he wished. But when I was eight years old he bought me a new violin and arranged to have me study under a teacher, 'for,' he said, 'a minister ought to know a little about music.' That night I could not sleep. I rose in the night to get a peep at the precious violin. It was so red, and the pretty pearl screws did smile at me so! I plucked the strings just a little with my fingers, and it smiled at me more and more. I took up the bow and looked at it. It said to me it would be pleased to have me try it across the strings. So I did try it just a very, very little, and it did play so softly. I forgot that it was midnight and everybody asleep, and the next minute I felt my father's whip across my shoulders. My little red violin dropped on the floor and was broken. I did weep very much for it, but it did no good. They did have a doctor to it the next day but it never recovered its health."

Wanted, a Library.

Many persons laughed heartily when they read the following advertisement in a recent issue of a German newspaper:

"Wanted—Some French books which a young girl may safely read and which will fit into a small bookcase. The height of each book must not exceed ten inches. The price is of no importance provided all the books have handsome covers and are of the same size."

Rather Prosaic.

A lady who was an ardent votary of modern culture happened to sit at an evening party next to an eminent composer and leader of an orchestra. In the full expectation of eliciting from the maestro a particularly brilliant and intellectual pronouncement, she inquired, "How do you feel after conducting the Ninth Symphony?"

"Hungry," was the laconic reply.

Thrifty Mother.

"She named her baby after all four of its rich uncles."

"What good will that do? None of them will feel complimented when they know the others have been so remembered."

"Oh, but she has trained the child to answer only to the name of the uncle who happens to be around."

Argument Was Useless.

"But," protested the loving wife, "before I was married I always had a new bonnet every time I wanted one."

"Yes," answered the brutal husband without looking up from his paper, "and I put fresh cheese in the mouse trap every night until I had caught that mouse in the pantry."—Judge.

Parental Solicitude.

The Mother—Don't you think the baby had better go to kindergarten, dear? Father—Isn't he too young? The Mother—Yes. But he never sees either of us long enough to learn how to talk. And don't you think he ought to know how?

Round and Pleasant.

May—Last night was the happiest in my life. It brought me one round of pleasure. Fay—What do you consider "one round of pleasure?" May—An engagement ring.—Philadelphia Press.

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Dated this 19th day of April, 1904.

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NOTICE.

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